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December 18, 2000

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT Z 228 355 107

Mr. Lon Thomas Star Stone Quarries, Inc. 4040 South 300 West Salt Lake City, UT 84107

Re: Notice of Small Mine Operation Disturbance Approaching/Exceeding Five Acres, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Torry Project (AM 100 & 101), S/055/016, Wayne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On September 21, 2000, Division staff inspected your Torry Project located on BLM managed lands in the SE 1/4 of Section 8, T29S, R5E, SLBM, Wayne County. The site was photographed and the affected areas were measured using a GPS field unit to document the current site disturbances. The BLM Henry Mountain Field Office was contacted by phone to discuss the amount of disturbance at the site. The BLM had also performed an inspection and GPS survey of the site in August of this year.

The Division's GPS measurements gave a disturbed area which exceeded six acres. The BLM's measurements put the disturbed area slightly less than five acres. The BLM explained they had purposely omitted regraded areas they considered reclaimed, although release of these areas had not been formally documented. The Division measured all areas which appeared to be recently disturbed at the project site. Division measurements included the regraded areas which had been omitted by the BLM; a portion of the access road, and the camp area at the end of the road.

Considering the conflicting acreage measurements, and the possibility of the BLM releasing regraded areas, the amount of surface disturbance at the Torry Project site may be very close to five acres, or only slightly exceeding five acres. You are hereby advised not to expand the current footprint of disturbance at this site without first reclaiming some disturbed areas, and receiving formal release of the reclaimed areas from the Division and the BLM.

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Star Stone Quarries, Inc. is well aware of the disturbance limitations for a small mine operation and the consequences of exceeding five acres without first receiving Division and BLM approval of a Large Mine Notice or Plan Of Operations. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me, or Tony Gallegos at (801) 538-5286 and 538-5267, respectively.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

Permit Supervisor

Minerals Reclamation Program

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